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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION TALKS WITH ROMANIA: MANOLIU VISA
REQUEST

REF: STATE 89348

1. REGRET INITIAL CONFUSION OVER MANOLIU'S VISA APPLICATION.
THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH MANOLIU'S PARTICIPATION IN GOR DELEGATION. IN 1960 STATE ASKED ROMANIAN LEGATION THAT MANOLIU, WHO WAS THEN MILITARY ATTACHE, BE RECALLED, AND HE LEFT U.S. SHORTLY THEREAFTER. OUR ACTION WAS BASED ON FBI REPORTS THAT MANOLIU HAD BEEN "INVOLVED IN THE COLLECTION OF DATA RELATING TO MILITARY MATTERS OF INTEREST" AND THAT HE HAD "DISREGARDED TRAVEL REGULATIONS". (IN EXPLAINING TO THE LEGATION WHY WE WERE ASKING FOR HIS
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RECALL, HOWEVER, WE DID NOT ALLEGE ANY "DATA COLLECTION" ACTIVITIES AND INSTEAD REFERRED TO "DISREGARD FOR TRAVEL REGULATIONS AND POOR DRIVING PRACTICES".)

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF HOW CRITICAL MANOLIU IS TO CIVAIR TALKS. IF HIS PARTICIPATION DOES NOT SEEM CRITICAL, EMBASSY SHOULD DISCREETLY SUGGEST

TO ROMANIANS THAT HE BE REPLACED ON DELEGATION. IF, ON
OTHER HAND, HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN U.S.-ROMANIAN CIVIL AIR

MATTERS FOR SOME YEARS AND THE TALKS COULD NOT TAKE PLACE
WITHOUT HIM, LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY. WE CANNOT HOWEVER,
BE ENCOURAGING ON CHANCES OF VISA ISSUANCE.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED THAT THERE IS DISCREPANCY IN
MANOLIU'S BIRTH DATA BETWEEN OUR FILES AND CURRENT VISA
REQUEST. WHILE OUR 1960 FILES SHOW MANOLIU'S DATE AND
PLACE OF BIRTH AS MAY 23 RPT 23, 1922 IN "IASY", ROMANIA,
BUCHAREST 1956 LISTS MAY 22, 1922 IN DOLHASCA, SUCEAVA,
ROMANIA. WHILE IT APPEARS THAT WE ARE INDEED DEALING
WITH THE SAME TINU MANOLIU, WE FLAG THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION
ON OUTSIDE CHANCE ROMANIANS ALLEGE APPLICANT HAS NEVER
SERVED IN U.S. VANCE

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